

**State of California**  
**Office of Governor Gray Davis**  
**Office of the Secretary for Education**

TO: School Districts, County Offices of Education, and Charter Schools  
Awarded Grants Under AB 2882 Education Technology Grant Program

FROM: Kerry Mazzoni, Secretary for Education

DATE: 1/16/01

RE: Grant Awards – Education Technology Grant Program for High Schools

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Congratulations! Your school district, county office of education or charter school has been awarded a grant as part of Governor Gray Davis' Education Technology Grant Program for High Schools.

The Education Technology Grant Program for High Schools provides one-time funding to access to online Advanced Placement courses and reduce the student-to-computer ratio in California high schools. With one-time funds for this program, we are able to help more than 150 schools acquire the technology they need to provide a total of four or more AP courses. An additional 1,650 schools will receive awards to reduce the student-to-multimedia-computer ratio to 4.75-to-1.

Your grant award form(s) are attached, detailing the amount awarded to your school(s). Remember, those receiving Priority One awards agree to provide a total of four or more AP courses at the school site receiving the award, and those receiving Priority Two awards agree to purchase additional multimedia computers in order to reduce the student-to-multimedia-computer ratio at eligible schools that received awards to 4.75-to-1. Priority Three awards of one computer per school were also awarded to eligible schools that already have low student-to-computer ratios but took the time to apply for the program.

We plan to get the funds to you as soon as possible. In order to receive the funds, you must take the following steps as soon as possible:

- 1) Agree to the grant award and the assurances. The regulations governing the program specify that for charter schools, final approval of the grant award and assurances shall be given by the director of the charter school. For all other schools, the final approval shall be given by the governing board of the school district.

- 2) Send the signed copy of the grant award and the assurances to your local CTAP regional director. You can find a link to each CTAP region from our web site at <http://www.ose.ca.gov/edtech/>.
- 3) Make sure your school or district has a technology plan in place. Nearly all schools or districts have a plan that meets the requirements of the program. If not, CTAP will be in contact with you shortly. A plan must be in place by March 1, 2001.
- 4) Once CTAP has your signed grant award form (including the assurances), our office will work with the State Controller to disburse the funds to you as soon as possible.

As you may know, the State of California is experiencing difficulties with electrical power capacity. The technical specifications for this program require all new computers to be Energy Star compliant. We further request that schools minimize the power consumption of new and existing computers by: (1) invoking the power management capabilities of each computer, (2) ensuring that computers are turned off when not in use by students -- especially after school, and (3) coordinating with your local utility to power down non-essential computers during times of peak demand.

Great prices on hardware meeting the technical specifications have been negotiated by both C-SMART ([www.c-smart.org](http://www.c-smart.org)) and the State of California, Department of General Services, Procurement Division (point your browser to <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd> and click on the Education Procurement Solutions button) specifically for this program. Many popular vendors are included, and you are encouraged (though not required) to explore these state-sponsored cooperative purchase arrangements.

If you have any questions about the program or your grant award, please contact Chris Shultz of my staff at 916-323-0611 or [edtech@ose.ca.gov](mailto:edtech@ose.ca.gov).